LAW AS TO NAMING WAR-VESSELS.

What an Indian Wigwam is-Witness-Fee Enactment-Reduction of Magistrates' Fces-How to Sow

large list of casualties at Fort Meigs, and the subsequent promotions, both in the To the Editor of the Dispatch:
What is the salary of the Speaker of
the United States House of Representatives? I contend that it is \$19,000. company and in the regular service, attested the dauntless bravery of the company in this memorable battle. pany, and while passing through Wash-

His salary is \$8,000.

#### Naming War-Vessels.

To the Editor of the Dispatch: You will oblige a number of your readers by publishing the names and ad-dresses of the heard or committee having charge of the naming of United States

Also state if our Senators and Representatives in Congress would have any influence to be used in having one of the proposed battleships named the "Vinginia." Respectfully, M. S. B.

The law on the subject is as follows: "The vessels of the navy shall be named by the Secretary of the Navy, under the direction of the President, according to the following rule: Salling vessels of the first-class shall be named after the States of the Union; those of

after the States of the Union; those of the second class after the rivers; those of the third class after the principal cities and towns, and those of the fourth class as the President may direct. "Steamships of the first class shall be named after the States of the Union; those of the second class after the rivers and principal cities and towns, and those of the third class as the President may of the third class as the President may

#### Indian Wigwam. To the Editor of the Dispatch:

Please tell me what your idea is of an Indian wigwam-that is, how is it made? Keysville, Va. An Indian wigwam may be made of

bark, reeds, sod, or any other available material, but the most perfect is the te-pee of the Sacotahs. Take fourteen straight poles, about twenty feet long. and arrange them sugar-loaf shape, crossing each other about three feet from the Then, in place of a covering of buffalo skins, use stout canvas, fitted snugly to the frame, and going within a foot of where the poles cross. Let the ene be small, about two feet wide by three feet high. Make your fire in the centre, and if your canvas fits tightly and without a wrinkle, the smoke will draw direct to the opening at the apex, while the crossed poles will exclude the rain. Put a good deal of dry litter on the floor before spreading your blankets, and always keep the skirts of the lodge turned up in bright weather. A lodge of this sort will accommodate eight or ten men, sleeping with their feet to the centre. It is perfectly portable, and may be changed into a one-horse vehicle by using the poles as shafts, letting the ends trail on the ground, and lashing your wicker door crosswise, so as to give shape and strength to the sled-like structure.

#### Fee-Bill Laws.

To the Editor of the Dispatch: Did the witness-fee bill ever pass of become a law? Were the magistrates fees ever cut down?

Jorgensen, Va. The witness-fee bill became a law, and the bill relative to cutting magistrates' fees to one-half in certain cases also

#### Clover Seed.

To the Editor of the Dispatch: If clover seed are sowed in the hull will

they come up and do well? RUSTIC. Clover seed sown in the hull or without cleaning, will come up all right, if they are threshed. Such seed should be sown much more thickly than if previously cleaned-say about twenty-five or thirty pounds per acre.

In addition to threshing the seed of clover with an ordinary huller, better run them through a common threshingmachine, or thresh them out with a flall.

### The Maple.

To the Editor of the Dispatch: To what extent and size does the maple tree grow in Virginia, and in what tien of the State is it grown? Petersburg, Va.

Our enquirer does not state what maple he has reference to. We have two native varieties in Virginia, which are plentifu in this section-silver and scarlet maple The silver maple, when fully grown, attains the height of 40 to 50 feet; scarlet maple 25 to 40 feet. Both of these maples are found along the banks of the James river and in the low-grounds of Henrico and Goochland counties.

### Fluvanna Hog Law.

To the Editor of the Dispatch:
Was there a law passed by the last
Legislature "to prevent the running of
hogs at large in the county of Fluvanna"; and is so, when will it go into effect? An answer to the above through the Weekly Dispatch will be much appreciated by many readers of your valuable paper. Very truly, Columbia, Va.

A bill was passed to prevent the running at large of hogs in Fork Union Magisterial District, Fluvanna county, but the bill did not become a law. The Governor withheld his signature.

### Beavers in Virginia.

To the Editor of the Dispatch: Piease inform me if there are any beavers in any of the rivers of Virginia, where? Saffolds, Va.

Yes; there are beavers in many of the streams of East Virginia.

### From Venable's Arithmetic.

To the Editor of the Disputch: Please oblige me with the solution of the following problems found in Vena-ble's Practical Arithmetic, on page 342, 4th and 5th examples:

4. How many litres of water equal one metric ton? Answer, 1,000 litres. 5. How many grams are equal to one kilometre of water? Answer, 1,000,000, 600,000,000 grams. C. E. ADAMS. 600,000,000 grams. Cub Creek Post-office.

39.37 X 39.37 X 39.87 3.937 X 3.937 X 3.927

39.37 or 1000 litres, answer, as  $\frac{39.37}{3.937} = 10$ .

\$9370 X 39370 X 33370

.3997 X.3987 X.3997 grains = 100000 X

answer, as \_\_\_\_\_ = 100000.

barked in the service of their country, and consecrated their valor at the battle of Fort Meigs, on the 5th day of May, 1813, They were known as the "Petersburg Volunteers," and formed the largest company in the volunteer service in that war,

The conspicuous bravery of the com-

pany at Fort Meigs won for the "Peters-

burg Volunteers" the unstinted praise of

the commanding general, General William

Henry Harrison (afterwards President of

the United States), whose lofty testimo-

nial to their valor and virtue, given in

general orders, is preserved as a priceless

heritage of this gallant corps, every mem-

her of which has passed from earth. The

It was on the return home of the com-

ington, that they called upon President

Madison, who, in receiving and address-

ing them, conferred upon the city they

represented the proud title of "The Cock-

Over the grave of Captain Richard Mc-

Rae, the commander of the "Petersburg

bronze eagle, and inscribed upon its faces

are the names of all the members of the

deeds, and the fact that their bravery in

battle in the defence of their country

wore for Petersburg its title of "Cockade

Life Estate.

Will you please inform me through the

and children, and his wife dies, can he

hold his life interest in the property!

If one of his children dies under age, can

You state your case so obscurely and

so briefly that a positive answer is hardly

possible. We are of opinion that if the

husband conveyed his property jointly to

his wife and children, and after the con-

veyance the wife died, he is entitled to no

life estate therein. Certainly, if he had

conveyed his property to the wife alone

and she had afterwards died, he would

not be entitled to curtesy therein. See

Now, as to the father's inheriting his

child's portion of said property: If the

child died unmarried, he takes the child's

much upon a careful inspection of the

deeds of conveyance, and no accurate

answer can be made to them without an

A Tank Problem.

Please settle a question between friends

as to the following: What number of gal-

lons will a tank contain 16 feet high, 24

"The volume of a frustum is equal to

the sum of the areas of the two bases and

In this case, supposing 24 feet-|-21 feet

are the diameters, - [3.1416×12×12-]-

3.1416 × 10.5 x 10.5 + 3.1415 × 12 × 10.5] cubie

test = - × 3.1416 [144 + 110.25 + 126]

cubic feet =--- × 3.1416 × 380.25, or 6271.

1648 cubic feet. 6371.1648 × 1728 cubic

inches divided by 231 cubic inches, gives

The Next Thing.

Will the Dispatch please publish, if it

can, the little poem, "Do Ye Nexte

By an old English parsonage bown by the sea,

And doe ye the next thing.

Well, let some one furnish us a copy.

Wart on Horse.

Will you please publish in your Query

olumn a reliable cure for a wart on a

the surrounding surface, and is generally

Selden Post-Office, Gloucester county,

We dare not venture to advise. Our

friend would better consult a veterinary

Dr. Southall's Bill.

1. Did the bill introduced by Dr. South-

pertificates for teachers become a law?

2. When did Dr. Southall enter upon his official duties as Superintendent of

Black Rock School-House, Rappahan-

God Tempers the Wind, Etc.

Will you, or some reader of the Dis-

issue was the author of the words, "God

Laurence Stern. However, Henri

Notice to Correspondents.

No notice will be taken of anonymous

In answering queries our first attention will be given to the letters of those cor-

respondents who ask but one question

We cannot publish copyright songs

and poems without the permission of the

This column is not an advertising medium. No query will receive attention

the answer to which would necessitate

the advertising of any person's business

Nor will any attention be given to long

"strings" of questions. Every week

please inform me in your next

READER.

in the Senate abolishing third-grade

To the Editor of the Dispatch:

2. Tuesday, March 15, 1898.

To the Editor of the Dispatch:

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Public Instruction\*

nock county, Va.

1. No.

shorn lamb."

communications.

owner of the copyright.

It does not protrude beyond

A SUBSCRIBER.

the square root of their product multi-

G. R. B.

W. F. G.

feet at base, and 21 feet at the top?

plied by one-third of the attitude."

portion by the statute of descents.

26 Grat., 354; 29 Gratt., 153-7.

examination of the records.

To the Editor of the Dispatch:

Very respectfully,

Stony Creek, Va.

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the answer, 47559,6224 gallons,

To the Editor of the Dispatch:

This message to me-

Trust thou in Jesus

To the Editor of the Dispatch:

in a raw, bleeding condition.

Fear not the future, Thou child of the King;

Canton Post-Office, Buckingham

the father inherit the child's interest in

the said property to do with as

county, Va.

To the Editor of the Dispatch:

ade City."

not undertake to do so, except where the production called for has some historical or peculiar literary merit, and is not of easy access to the average reader. Address "Query Editor, Dispatch Office, Richmond, Va."

N. B .- We do not read unsigned letters.

Notices of New Books. FLYING LEAVES. New York: E. R. Herrick & Co. 1898. Colored Board. This gay work contains sixty-four follos

of drawings, sketches, and illustrations, mostly humorous and frequently amusing. Some of the illustrations are in panto-mimic series and very expressive. The work is generally well executed. One of the drawings which interested us is "A Modern Music Room; Too Much Wag-ner." All the furnishings of this room, both on the floor and on the walls, repre sent various musical instruments, in the midst of which is a solitary artist holding forth to Apollo, or Melpomene. We would like to fit up a music-room in a similar style.

RIMES TO BE READ. By J. Edmund V. Cooke, Author of "A Patch of Pansies," etc. Chicago: W. B. Conkey Company. 1897. Pages, 141. Cloth and Gilt.

These humorous rimes have been colfected from a great many sources, through which they first sought public recognition. The author returns thanks for the privilege of reproducing them in the present form to the editors and pro-Volunteers," in Blandford Cemetery, is a prietors of not less than eighteen journals noble granits shaft, surmounted by a and magazines. Many of them contain wit as well as humor, and are in dislectnot African, but Irish, Scotch, Dutch, and French. We have laughed heartily over a number of them. Some of them are not company, with the record of their gallant lacking in pathos.

THE MAN WHO OUTLIVED HIMSELF. By Albion W. Tourgee, Author of "A Fool's Errand, by One of the Fools." New York: Fords, Howard & Hulbert.

The tale is of a man (with family), who, although apparently of literary taste and talent, is engaged in Wall-street opera-tions. His anxiety and distress over some speculations result in his mysterious dis-Query column, if property is inherited or comes to the husband, and he makes a conveyance thereof by deed to his wife appearance. Years later, after many exraordinary experiences, he returns to New York and seeks to learn the fate of those dear to him. The book deals with distorted conditions, but there is an odd attraction about it. In the same volume are two other stories by Judge Tourgee—"Poor Joel Pike" and "The Grave of Tante Angelique."

STORIES FROM VIRGINIA. History for the Young. By Mary Tucker Magill. Prepared Especially for Use in Schools, as an Introduction to the History of Virginia, J. T. Bell Company, Lynch-burg, Va. The Bell Book and Station-ery Company, Richmond, Va. Cloth. Pages, 217.

Miss Magill is already well known from her History of Virginia and other works. Here we find her continuing her laudable and successful efforts to be of useful service, not only to her own generation, but to those which are to come. This work embraces, through the lives of Lee, Jack-son, Ashby, and Stuart, and the Beverly Raid of General Rosser, a part of the war Questions of this character depend of the Southern Confederacy. Each of its forty chapters has a series of questions for scholars. The retail price is 65 cents,

> THE SON OF THE CZAR. An Historical Romance. By James M. Graham. New York: Frederick A. Stokes Com-

> but there will be a liberal reduction to

pany.

A thrilling, dramatic, and absorbing story, from beginning to end. It revolves around Peter the Great as the central figure, and deals with his futile attempts to reclaim his weak son Alexis, and his merciless punishment of his son's advisers and the plotters against his own life. The characters introduced are men and women who were prominent at the Muscovite Court during Peter's heign. Heroes and cowards, loyal ser-vants of their master, for the sake of vants of their master, for the sake of loyalty, and panderers, high-born and base-born, all have leading roles. There are faults of style in the book, but of these the reader takes little note, so carried away is he by the vivid descrip-tions and the fascinations of the skilfully constructed plot. The movement of the story is rapid and the situations are in-Heroines there are, too, among them the gentle Crown-Princess Char-lotte and her loyal girl friends. For sale by the George M. West Com-

XENOPHON'S CYROPAEDIA. Abridged for Schools and Edited by Clarence W.

Gleason, A. M., of the Roxbury Latin School. Flexible Cloth, 12mo. Pages, 325. Price, \$1.25. American Book Company, New York, Cincinnati, and Chicago. Of Xenophon's works the Cyropaedia differs from the Anabasis and Hellenica n being rather an historical romance than a real history, but is inferior to neither of them in interest or literary value. Its elaborate scheme for education and government, and its ideal story of the good and wise King (Cyrus), whose bravery, prudence, and high sense of jus-tice brought together many strong nations into one vast empire, give it great-er intrinsic interest to the general student than the Anabasis, while its subjects make it a most valuable supplement to that renowned work. The length of the work (eight books) and the lack of any edition suitable for school use has hitherto prevented its general use as a classical The aim of this volume is to offer an abridged edition of the Cyropaedia for ools which may be used in alternation with the Anabasis or be substituted for it. In preparing the book, the Cyropaedia has been shortened nearly one-half by the omission of passages of minor interest and importance. The original division into books has been disregarded, and the text divided according to the subject mat-ter into seven chapters. The book is made serviceable for the student by copious notes and a complete working vocabulary. It is needless to say that the work of the ditor has been well done at every point:

MEDICAL REGISTER. For March. Issued monthly under the auspices of the Faculty and Society of Alumni or the Medical College of Virginia. Edited by E. C. Levy, M. D. Advisory Committee from the Faculty for 1897-98-John N. Upshur, M. D., and Lewis C.

Bosher, M. D. Table of contents: Original Articlesome Personal Observations in Abdominal Surgery, by H. Tuholske, M. D.; Some Abuses of the Vaginal Douche, by John D. Thomas, M. D.; Puerperal Fever, by Lewis Holladay, M. D. Report of Cases— Death from Hemorrhage, Caused by Rup-ture of Deep Vessels of the Nose, Pro-bably the Nasal Branch of Internal Caro-Estienne had previously written (in tid Vein, by J. Baxter Matthews, M. D. French), "God measures the cold to the Selected Article-Contributions of Bacteriology to Therapeutics (Wesley N. Carpenter Lecture for 1877), by William H. Park, M. D. Editorial—The Value of Alumni Societies. Book Reviews—A Text-Book on Surgery, General, Operative, and Mechanical, by John A. Wyeth, M. D.; Elements of Latin for Students of Medicine and Pharmacy, by George D. Crothers, A. M., M. D., and Hiram H. Bice, A. M.; Manual of Pathology, by W. M. Late Coplin, M. D.; An Epitome of the History of Medicine, by Roswell Park, A. M., M. D. Miscellaneous—Death of Dr. Thomas J. Moore; Attorney-General Montague, the Commencement Orator; Chair of Diseases of the Eye, Ear, and Throat to be Filled; Programme of the Tenth Annual Meeting of the Society of Alumni Medical College of Virginia; Publisher's Notes.

SHAKESPEARE'S MEN AND WOMEN.

"strings" of questions. Every week numbers of correspondents ignore this rate of ours, and afterwards wonder why their queries are not answered.

The Cockade City.

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I have not examined the recent act of the Legislature providing for conditional paralons by the Executive, under the Constitution of the State, but as present impressed, it seems to me that the right of the Governor to Impose conditions answered.

We cannot undertake to ascertain the value of old coins. For that information write to some dealer in them.

Petersburg came to be known as the ENQUIRER.

On the Zist of October, 1812, 193 young men from Petersburg and vicinity emptanced and songs, but we will string the correspondents ignore this rate of curse spendents ignore this rate of ours, and afterwards wonder why their queries are not answered.

Many queries are not answered because similar ones have been recently answered.

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We cannot undertake to answer queries by mall; we can only answer them through this column.

We are frequently called upon to republish poems and songs, but we will

and Sonnets"; though in her table of con-tents "King Lear," "Titus Andronicus," and "Macbeth" are given as also a part of her menu for that month. The historical dramas are to be tasted in

and the great tragedies in the fall.

From the title of the work, it might be inferred that it contain the portraiture of the male and female characters, introduced by the unequalled dramatist far greater than Lord Bacon could have been had he studiously tried. But this idea is only partially correct, for the extracts are mainly what the various dramatis personae say of the traits and

characteristics of men and women.

In some instances even this does not hold good. For example, on January 1st we have only this quotation from the "Tempest," Act II., scene 1:

"Wisely, good sir, weigh Our sorrow with our comfort."

There is not much about man or woman in this. Yet, on January 7th, it is repeated, under the caption of "Men," but from another part of the play, and under that of "Women," is added the description of 'Admired Miranda," who has already been dished out on January 4th. the arranger makes rather a bad start. The book may, however, be of some convenience in furnishing quotations. Rose Porter has prepared some other books issued by the same publishers.

(The Observations of a Philosophical Friend of Ours.) Somehow or other, man and woman

kind seem to have a great deal too much of eyes and ears, as well as tongue. They not only see and hear and say a great many things that they ought not, actively; but, passively, they make a great deal too much of being seen and heard and talked about. They live too much on the stage; poor players, strutting and fretting their hour; more or less beheld, approved, applauded, and then-exeunt omnes, And their real life is what they can buy with the poor pay they get for playing kings and queens and heroes uncomfortable rooms, hard fare, and mean company, and indifferent reflections. Still, far the greater part of us know nothing of life, but as we live and move and have our being in the public eye and ear, and count all the rest of the thing nothing. The consequence of this fact of human nature is that the development and growth of the general human being is as one of a crowd, outside, adapted altogether to its environments; and the inside individual is lost; his life is divided up, scattered; nothing but leaves; no heart, no fruit, nothing The little fellow says to his teacher: Mister, if once nothing is nothing, twice

nothing ought to be somethin'! Still,

tisn't so; numbers don't help; only make

othingness more conspicuous, and whole ompanies are still nothing and vanity. If the individual is uncultivated, there is le hope of the family or the society. Inlividuals that are all eyes, cars, and prattle, make a family and society that is ill the same; that has no life of its own, but is only an image and exposition of the idle, superficial, heartless world. And its elements scatter like chaff blown away over the face of the earth, when the so-called family and society goes to pleces—in or cut of the course of nature.

Man is very gregarious—miserably gregarious—and he throws away his existence in his love of crowds. And the first effort he makes towards his own freedom, and to vindicate his manhood, is to dom, and to vindicate his manhood, is to get out of the crowd and realize himself as a thing worthy of respect, whether a rool or a genius. Our mutual dependence on and slavery to one another is pitiful, because it comes of conscious helplessness and demant. We hide curselves in crowds, disguese curselves in conventional livery, and count it a triumph more to be desired than the grace of Heaven to rlease the general world. It to please the general world. It tile matter to steal out of the Heaven to please the general works is no little matter to steal out of the crowd, go by curselves and feet our individuality, and native dignity—and, along with that, our responsibility. It is often the very best thing that can happen to us to be thrown absolutely by our selves; so that we can't have any company. Then we are apt to make an accompany. Then we are apt to make an accompany worth having; and make a maintance worth having; and make graning of character, profound self-re

The dominion of the crowd, the com-The dom: Find of the crowd, the comming general world, is very powerful. It is most pervasive, penetrating, and exacting. As lorg as we own it, it reaches our our immost being, and least and greatest effort, and leaves us no place or home—

enort, and leaves us no pages of none-nothing that we may call our own. Solomon says: A man of understanding separateth himself, and seeketh and in-termeddieth with all wisdom. The imper-sonation of divine manhood commends the closet for the gathering up the loins of the mind, and raising the soul to its highest privileges; and warns against the throng making for perdition. So he was much alone; seeking the very foun-tain of life.

was much alone; seeking the very fountain of life.

And yet man is positively social; and we are wisely, as well as naturally, members one of another. We live on congenial compony; and we dry and die all alone, or in uncongenial company. The cultivated, plous, and well-cared-for home is the necessary nursery of the individual. If the home is all open to the common thoughts and influences, the malaria of the common-place world, what can the child be but common-place—common in its inmost soul, and coarse grained, as scalawag cattle? If the home is a sacred close, guarded against the vuigarisms and vileness of the general world, and shielded against its influences, cherished with gentle graces and pure affections, and fed with high and honorable thoughts, its household words, decent manliness and womanliness, the fear of God its controlling power, and the hope of Heaven its inspiration, what may it not expect for its inmates? Are they not likely to be recognized as gentlemen, faithful people, "princes in all lands"?

The home idea, as a hen gathering her brood under wings, the father pitying his children, the shepherd caring for his sheep, the loving, sympathizing friend, laying down his life for those he loves, the gentle and considerate father and son—all the dearest graces of home—are the charms of the Christian faith and philosophy. "The sparrow hath found her a home, and the swallow a nest, where

the charms of the Christian faith and philosophy. "The sparrow hath found hera home, and the swallow a nest, where she may lay her young; even thine altars, O, Lord of hosts, my King, and my God." Articles of virtu, bric-a-brac, curios, all the entertainments that art and literature can supply and money can command, and showy attentions, are poor and lame substitutes for the natural graces and warm affections and joys and high delights that flourish and are found only in the home where love and plety rule. The soul may starve in the midst of spiendor; in the fulness of its sufficiency be in straits.

### Two "Old Richmond Boys."

Rev. Dr. A. T. Robertson, of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, in a letter to the New York Examiner, has the following:

The Broadway church of Louisville has leaped into the position of the most crowded church in the city. Such crowds as come in a steady stream, morning and night, were never seen here before, save in the days of Dr. Lorimer, or when Dr. Broadus preached. Nothing was done to make it so. The multitudes came to greet Dr. Carter Helm Jones on his first Sunday last November. They overflow the house and are turned away and come again. God has given this brilliant preacher a hold on Louisville that is a wonder and a joy to see. All denominations and all classes hear him gladly. But, best of all, souls are constantly converted and added to the Lord. The waters are often stirred.

It is as you might expect. Rev. M. Ashby Jones, of Bardstown, has accepted the call of the Leigh-Street church, Richmond, Va. He could not resist the call home. He is worth getting, and Kentucky is much poorer by his going.

#### Right of Conditional Pardons. To the Editor of the Dispatch:

French Female Pills
Safe, Always reliable, Ask your druggist
for them. Insist on having the Genuise.
Pixtup andly in metal boxes with the French
Pixtup andly in metal boxes with the French
Fix up andly in metal boxes. White and Red, or
send to FRENCH BRUGGO, No. Mr.
deniet to FRENCH BRUGGO, No. Mr.
deniet to FRENCH FOR WORL
deniet box of RELIGET FOR WORL
deniet box of R

#### A POPULAR MISTAKE

Regarding Remedies for Dyspepsia

and Indigestion.

The national disease of Americans is The national disease of Americans is indigestion, or in its chronic form, dyspepsis, and for the very reason that it is so common many people neglect taking proper treatment for what they consider trifling stomach trouble, when, as a matter of fact, indigestion lays the foundation for many incurable diseases. No person with a vigorous, healthy stomach will fall a victim to consumption. Many kidfall a victim to consumption. Many kidney diseases and heart troubles date beginning from paor digestion; thin, ner-vous people are really so because their stomachs are out of gear; weary, languid, faded out women owe their condition to imperfect digestion.

When nearly every person you meet is afflicted with weak digestion it is not surprising that nearly every secret patent medicine on the market claims to be a cure for dyspepsia, as well as a score of other troubles, when in fact, as Dr. Werthier says, there is but one genu-ine dyspepsia cure which is perfectly safe and reliable, and moreover, this remedy is not a patent medicine, but it is a scientific combination of pure pepsin (free animal matter), vegetable essences, fruit saits, and bismuth. It is sold by drug-gists under the name of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets. No extravagant claims are made for them, but for indigestion or any stomach trouble, Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets are far ahead of any remedy yet discovered. They act off the food eaten, no dieting is necessary, simply eat all the wholesome food you want, and these tablets will digest it. A cure results, because all the stomach needs is a rest, which Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets

give by doing the work of digestion.

Druggists sell these tablets at 50 cents per package. Little book on stomach diseases and testimonials sent free by addressing Stuart Company, chemists,

#### The Old Man's Dreams.

Oh, for one hour of youthful joy— Give me back my twentieth spring! I'd rather laugh, a bright-haired boy, Than reign, a graybeard king!

Off with the wrinkled spoils of age!
Away with learning's crown!
Tear out life's wisdom-written page
And dash its trophies down!

One moment let my lifeblood stream From boyhood's fount of flame! Give me one giddy, reeling dream Of life all love and fame. My listening angel heard the prayer, And, calmly smiling, said,
"If I but touch thy silvered hair,
Thy hasty wish hath sped.

"But is there nothing in thy track
To bid thee fondly stay,
While the swift seasons hurry back To find the wished-for day

Ah, truest soul of womankind, Without thee, what were life? One bliss I cannot leave behind; I'll take—my—precious—wife!

And wrote in rainbow dew,
"The man would be a boy again,
And be a husband, too!" "And is there nothing yet unsaid Before the change appears? Remember, all their gifts have fied With those dissolving years!"

Why, yes; for memory would recall
My fond paternal joys;
I could not bear to leave them all;
I'll take my-girls-and-boys!

The silent angel dropped his pen"Why, this will never do;
You cannot be a boy again
And be a father, too!"

And so I laughed—my laughter woke The household with its noise— And wrote my dream, when morning broke. To please the gray-haired boys.
OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES.

Spin Cheerfully.

(New York Tribune.)

(New York Tribune.)

Spin cheerfully,

Not tearfully,

Though wearily you plod.

Spin carefully,

Spin prayerfully,

But leave the thread to God.

The shuttles of His purpose move

To carry out His own design.

Seek not too soon to disapprove

His work, nor yet assign

Dark motives, when with silent dread

You view each sombre fold;

For lo! within each darker thread,

There shines a thread of gold.

There shines a thread of gold. Spin cheerfully, Not tearfully, knows the way you plod; Spin carefully,

## Our Store

Spin carefully, Spin prayerfully, But leave the thread with God.

BRIGHT AND LIGHT.

HEADQUARTERS

"THINGS TO EAT." 200000000000-0-0000000000000

PLEASANT SERVICE.

PROMPT DELIVERY. \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$

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Steel & Pennyroyal Treatment is the original and only FRENCH.
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"Procrastination is the thief of time," and to do well you must start right Do not delay, but prepare your poultry yards now. Poultry Netting was never so cheap, nor our stock ever so complete and well assorted. We can give you anything from 12 to 72 inches high, and from 34 to 2 inches mesh. Call and inspect our stock. "The early chicken catches the worm," but Poultry Netting catches the chicken. Catalogues for the asking.

# BALDWIN & BROWN,

Headquarters for Poultry Netting, V-Crimp and Corrugated Roofing, Conductors, Gutters, Extras, &c., Hardware, Carriage and Wagon Materials, Paint, Lead, Oils, Varnish, Glass, Putty, &c.

557 cast Main street (oppo. Old Market,) Warshouse: Track 12, C. & O., Richmond, Value of Conduction (pa 31-Su, Tukw)

INSURANCE STATEMENT.

[PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY OF THE AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS OF THE STATE OF TIRGINIA.]

UNITED STATES BRANCH NORTHERN ASSURANCE COMPANY OF ANNUAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, A. D. 1897, OF THE CONDITION AND AFFAIRS OF THE UNITED STATES BRANCH NORTHERN ASSURANCE COMPANY OF LONDON, ORGANIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN, MADE TO THE AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS OF THE STATE OF VIRGINIA, IN PURSUANCE OF THE LAW OF SAID STATE.

General Manager-H. E. WILSON.

Organized or Incorporated—1836.

Commenced Business—1836.

L-CAPITAL STOCK.

Subscribed for

.\$ 216,913 65 date ...... 213,063 17

Total rents and interest

Received from head office during the year.

From all other sources—viz.: (Itemize profit and loss account) changes in December, 1896, accounts after preparation of statement of that year.... 

Gross amount paid for losses (including \$5,148.07 occurring in pre-.8655,863 41 

Net amount paid during the year for 1088es \$22,937 13 Commissions or brokerage to agents, less received on reinsurances..... Rents (including \$7,000 for company's use of own buildings) Salaries, fees, and all other charges, officers, clerks, other employees... Taxes on premiums, \$25,144.31 Insurance Department fees and agents incenses, \$6,664.03; municipal licenses, \$3,945.36; tax on franchise, \$1,325.43 Advertising, printing, and stationery, \$9,55.99; legal expenses, \$430.06; furniture and fixtures, \$31; miscellaneous, \$95,664.56 Remitted to head office during the year...

Total expenditures during the year..... \$1,134,022 16

Total expenditures during the year...

Balance

IV.—LEDGER ASSETS, AS PER LEDGER ACCOUNTS SHOWN BY THE BOOKS

AT HOME OFFICE AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS DECEMBER 31st.

Book value of real estate, unincumbered, \$115,000

Book value of bonds, excluding interest, \$1,382,480. and stocks, \$15,884,480 00

\$202,000

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1,822 62

Cash in company's offices

Deposited in banks

Th.024 65

Deposited in banks

\$1,584,480 00

\$202,000

3,425 30

Deposited in banks
Bills receivable, \$2,585.72; agents' debit balances, \$839.58 ...... 

Total admitted assets
V.—NON-LEDGER LIABILITIES.
Losses adjusted and unpaid (due, \$4,375.65; not yet due, \$6,121.24)
Losses in process of adjustment, or in suspense, including all reported and supposed losses
Losses resisted (not outlawed), including nierest, costs, and other expenses thereon

\$1,972,697 62

Description.

Deposited with the State of New York, at Albany—United States funded loan registered, 1907, 4 per cent.

Deposited with the State of Ohio, at Columbus—United States funded loan registered, 1907, 4 per cent.

Deposited with the State of Virginia, at Richmond—United States loan registered, 1907, 4 per cent.

Deposited with the State of Georgia, at Atlanta—United States funded loan registered, 1907, 4 per cent.

Deposited with the State of Oregon at Portland—

United States funded loan registered, 1907, 4 per cent.

One 1911, 6 per cent. 112,750 00 56,375 00 50,000 25,000 28,187 50

United States funded loan registered, 1907
4 per cent.
City of Salem, Ore., 1911, 6 per cent.
City of Salem, Ore., 1910, 5 per cent.
City of Salem, Ore., 1912, 6 per cent.
City of Salem, Ore., 1912, 5 per cent.
City of Salem, Ore., 1912, 6 per cent.
City of Boston, 1886, 5 per cent.
City of St. Louis, 1911, 4 per cent.
State of Massachusetts, 1990, 6 per cent.
City of St. Paul, 1919, 4 1-2 per cent.
City of Minneapolis, 1917, 4 per cent.
Pennsylvania, Raliroad Company goic equipment, 1914, 4 per cent.
West Shore Raliroad Company guaran teed coupon, 281, 4 per cent.
City of Chicago, 1921, 4 per cent.
City of Chicago, 1921, 4 per cent.
City of Chicago, 1921, 4 per cent.
Chicago, St. Louis and New Orleans Rail-road Company, Memphis Division, guaranteed, 1951, 4 per cent.
Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad Company, first mortgage extension and collegars, 1934, 5 per cent. 10,000 14,000 20,000 6,000 15,400 00 20,000 00 6,000 00

Company, first mortgage extension and collateral, 1934, 5 per cent. St. Paul, Minneapolis and Manitoba Rail-way Company, consolidated, 1233, 6 pe

cent. Substituted by exchange for Chicago Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway Com-pany 1905 7 per cent. bonds.

BUSINESS IN THE STATE OF VIRGINIA DURING THE YEAR.

Book and Job Printing

Dispatch Job Office

Neatly Executed at the

100,000

50,000 50,000 100,000

50,000

100,000

50,000

100,500 00

61,500 00

105,000 00

63,500 00

Total .....SCHEDULE D.-BONDS OWNED BY THE COMPANY. \$1,572,697 \$2 Market Value. Book Value, Par Value, Accr'd Interest

49,000

107,125